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AIDS PROBLEMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 16th International Congress (Melbourn

(e) on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, exports expressed serious concern over the emerging problem;

(b) if so, details thereof alongwith the agenda discussed; and

(c) precautionary measures suggested in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The theme of the Congress was `Breaking through Barriers` those `barriers which inhibit effective community action, those which prevent effective care, support and prevention and those which prevent the mobilization of adequate resources.`

The Congress had a number of theme sessions on treatment, care and prevention with a special focus on socio economic determents, gender and sexuality and vulnerable groups. Skill building workshops were held specially for NGOs and representatives from the effected communities

An exhibition was held along with various sessions in which a number of organisations participated.

UNAIDS, DFID and USAID sponsored participants in the 6th ICAAP which included Health Ministers of the State Government Members of Parliament, Health Secretaries and Programme Managers from NACO and SACS, NGOs and medical experts. NACO also put up a stall at the exhibition.

(c) : There were no specific precautionary measures suggested by the Congress. However, a youth forum declaration was made which affirm the rights of young people to adequate and accessible information, services and support around issues of reproductive and sexual health.